

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RANGE MEASUREMENT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the above-captioned patent application filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-6, 12, 17 and 20-22 as per attached with this preliminary amendment. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claims amendments.